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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with Raymond S. CHURGIN (P)
on Sunday, 15 November 1959

1. The purpose of this meeting with CHURGIN was primarily to relieve him of the gun which he had in his possession which belonged to "Andy," a former REDSOX agent who was partially trained by Subject. Secondly, we wanted to find out where Subject would be staying. The cover used by the undersigned case officer for meeting with Subject at this time was to give him an assignment. This assignment was to cover the meeting of the Latvians in Washington, D.C., which was to take place on the evening of the 15th.

2. Since we were advised by the Medical Office that Subject was psychologically upset and had tendencies of suicide as well as positive aggression, it was decided that two members of the Office of Security would be present as well as [] from the Medical Office. One member of the Security Office was going to be present with the undersigned during the period of relieving Subject of the weapon. The Security men made arrangements with [] and the undersigned before Subject arrived. They arranged subject's entrance, seating and also discussed various possibilities and possible courses of action to be taken in case of any physical danger.

3. Subject called the sterile number at approximately 12:15 p.m. He was told to take a cab to 3301 "O" Street, N.W., which was the OO safehouse. He arrived there approximately ten minutes later, was observed getting out of the cab and the cab waited for him. We answered the door according to previously made arrangements. Subject came in, was introduced to the Security Officer who used the name "Bill," and then stated that he had lost his wallet at the bus station. He claimed that it had probably slipped from his pocket. He asked for money enough to go back down to the bus station and attempt to retrieve it. He was given \$3.00 by the undersigned and, as we all approached the cab, the undersigned suggested that Subject leave his bag at the safehouse. This the Subject did quite willingly and went back downtown. The undersigned, together with the two

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representatives of the Office of Security and the Medical Officer, made a clandestine search of Subject's bag and found that he had, in fact, obeyed the case officer's instruction and dismantled the gun in three pieces. The gun was very carefully re-wrapped and replaced in Subject's luggage.

4. It was the opinion of [] that the Subject was merely trying to show us that he meant us no harm by giving us an opportunity to search his bag and also the chances were that he did not lose his wallet at all, but rather was using this as an excuse to look over the situation and thus give himself a chance to think over how he was going to react. [] also felt, as did the members of the Office of Security, that there was a possibility that Subject might have another gun with him.

5. Subject returned in approximately 20 minutes in a Yellow Cab, Number 639, paid off the driver, and came into the house. We sat down according to arrangements previously made by the Security Officers and "Bill" said that he was representing the Property Office of the Agency and that he had been, for the past several months, attempting to get the gun which was charged to Subject. Subject said he had the gun with him and proceeded to remove it from his bag. Subject returned a 7.65 mm Walther automatic pistol, Serial No. 114792P. There was some small chit-chat between the Subject and "Bill" concerning the gun, but shortly after the turnover, "Bill" left the room.

6. The undersigned then discussed with the Subject his present condition which Subject described as "feeling way down both physically and emotionally." During this period Subject said, however, when he saw my face he immediately felt better. [] later commented that this was simply because I represented his life-long ambitions and desires. He claimed he had a backache in the lower portion of his back which he described as sciatica. He also claimed that when he put his left leg in a certain position he had pain radiating from his left gluteus maximus muscle up to the mid portion of the vastus-externus (left leg). To the undersigned this sounded very much like a case of sciatica or a case of a pinched nerve in the lower portion of his spinal column. It was suggested to him that he visit a doctor at home since he was going to be at home anyway and could receive treatment there. We agreed with him when he suggested that he see his former physician in Washington who knew him and had attended him for the past several years. This physician is [] of 1728 Maos Avenue, N. W. [] is a cleared consultant of this Agency and Subject uses the pseudo "Leo GAREAU" with this doctor.

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7. Concerning his lost wallet, Subject claimed that the last time he came to Washington he also lost his wallet on the return portion of that trip. He claimed that in both instances the wallet was taken by the same individual who followed him both ways on the last trip and followed him down on this trip. He further claimed that when he arrived in Lancaster from his last trip he had approached this man in the cafeteria the day after the trip and demanded to have his wallet returned. He saw this man in the cafeteria of the bus terminal several days later and the man denied knowing the Subject or ever having seen him before. He also denied taking the wallet. Subject claims, however, that the following day he went to the desk of the bus station and asked if anybody had turned in his wallet and sure enough it was there. He claimed that there was more money in the wallet than he had had originally and he speculated that the man had spent some of the money but didn't know how much he had spent so he put an extra amount of money back. Subject did not explain why the man picked up his wallet on this trip and why he had returned it untouched at the window of the bus station.

8. Subject was given the following assignment: He was to attend the meeting of the celebration of the Latvian independence and find out for us the following items: a) What appeared to be the tenor of the meeting; b) What high level Latvian and Americans were present; c) Were there any recent arrivals from Latvia; d) Were there any plans on the part of anyone present to return to Latvia. The meeting was to take place at Pierce Hall on 16th Street and Columbia Road, N. W. Subject was going to spend the night at the apartment of (fnu) BILMANIS whose phone number is JUniper 9-5161.

9. During the course of this meeting it was determined that Subject knew the following Latvians in Lancaster, Pennsylvania:

- ✓ (1) Arvids LAURIS. LAURIS is approximately 60 years old, has lived in Lancaster for an undetermined period of time and Subject knows him moderately well.
- ✓ (2) Liepe OLGATS whom Subject attempted to recruit under the AEREADY Program several years ago. OLGATS knows CHURGIN under alias.

10. Subject was dismissed in what appeared to be an excellent frame of mind. He was told to report back to the same address at 10:00 a.m. the following morning. The meeting was discussed with [] who commented that the meeting had gone exactly as he had hoped it would and that the threat of Subject's doing anything rash during the next 12 hours was minimal. He felt certain that Subject would return the following day for further discussions.

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